

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO. 447
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City Lexington

Address 32 Muzzey Street

Historic Name Lucy K. Damon House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1888

Source David Tuttle's list

Style Queen Anne  
Shingle Style

Architect David A. Tuttle, builder

Exterior wall fabric clapboards, shingles

Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

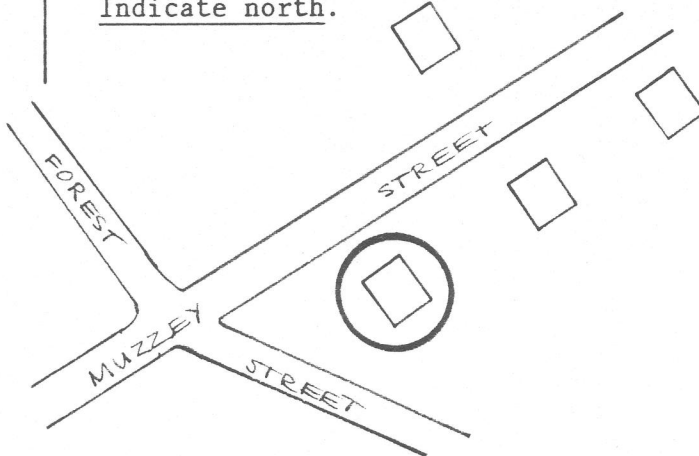
from facing Forest Street back to face  
Moved Muzzey Street Date before 1898

Approx. acreage 15119 ft.<sup>2</sup>

Setting A street of ample mid-nineteenth century houses with some later infill; many of the houses have been turned into doctors offices.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This is a substantial Shingle Style Vernacular house. The use of patterned shingles above the first floor is pronounced -- four rows of staggered butt or hexagonal shingles alternate with several rows of plain shingles. Other features include asymmetrical massing, porch with turned posts and turned balusters, eyebrow window in the roof (right side), and "eyelid" lintel on the gable window on the facade. The house was built by David A. Tuttle, a carpenter who built 39 houses in Lexington between 1840 and 1894.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The house was built for Lucy Kendall Damon (b. 1817, d. 1900), the widow of Isaac Newton Damon, a man prominent in town affairs. It was originally built facing Forest Street but by 1898 had been moved back and turned to face Muzzey Street, as it does today. By 1904 the house was owned by Mrs. Florence Hamblen, a recorder of deeds in the East Cambridge courthouse.

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# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town  
LEXINGTON

Property Address  
32 MUZZEY STREET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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## HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

A brief mention in the *Lexington Minute-man* on October 12, 1907 noted that "The estate on the corner of Muzzey and Forest streets was sold last week to Mr. John Hubbell of New York, who, with his son's family who are residents of Waltham, will occupy the premises without delay. The house is a modern one and attractive in all respects. Mrs. Florence Hamblen and her sister, Mrs. Geo. F. Jones, vacate the premises this Saturday. They have engaged board at the Blinn's for this winter".

John Hubbell continued to occupy the house until his death on October 2, 1919. His family continued to reside here into the 1930s. By 1942 the property was occupied by Thomas Lynah.

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